

FIBERS SITE GROUP

September 10, 2015

Via Email Electronic Copy

Adalberto Bosque, PhD, MBA, REM, CEA
Response and Remediation Branch
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
City View Plaza II - Suite 7000
48 RD, 165 Km. 1.2
Guaynabo, PR 00968-8069

Subject: RD/RA Monthly Report – August 2015
Fibers Public Supply Wells Site
Guayama, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Bosque:

On behalf of the Fibers Public Supply Wells Site Settling Defendants, we are submitting the attached RD/RA Monthly Report prepared pursuant to the Consent Decree (Civil Action No. 92-2486) in the matter of *United States v. Anaquest Caribe, Inc. et al*, Section IX, Paragraph 30, Reporting Requirements.

Please feel free to contact Mr. James Kirschner of ARCADIS at (602) 797-4519 or me at (724) 544-4874 if you have any questions or comments regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,



Joe Biss, CHMM
Fibers Site Group Project Coordinator
EHS Support LLC

Copies:

Chief, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Attn. Mel Hauptman- via email only
Ms. Evelyn Rivera-Ocasio, Assitant Regional Counsel – Carribean Programs – via email only
Chief, Environmental Enforcement Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ #90-11-2-768)
Amarilis Rodríguez Méndez, State Remedial Project Manager, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board- via email only
Ms. Katherine Mishkin, Hydrolgeologist, USEPA Superfund Technical Support Section – via email only
Ms. Enid Díaz, Departamento de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales
Mr. Jorge Morales, PRIDCO - via email only
Mr. Joel Melendez Rodriguez, PRIDCO - via email only
Ms. Ana Palou Balsa, PRIDCO – via email only
Mr. Dan Vineyard, Jackson Walker- via email only
James Kirschner, Arcadis - via email only

RD/RA Monthly Report – August 2015
Fibers Public Supply Wells Superfund Site
Guayama, Puerto Rico

(a) Description of actions which have been taken toward achieving compliance with this Decree.

Fibers Air Stripping System

The Fibers Site Group continued installation of the new groundwater extraction and treatment system (GWETS), in accordance with the Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System Improvements 100% CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS. Construction activities included the following: installation of power conductor wire and fiber optic cable to remediation wells RW-2 and RW-4; expansion of the RW-2 and RW-4 wellhead compounds; removal of the old RW-2 and RW-4 control panels; installation of new RW-2 and RW-4 control panels, main control panel, motor control enclosure and voltage regulator; installation of electrical conduit at the system compound; and, installation of instrumentation and equipment at the GWETS.

(b) Summary of all sampling results and tests, and all other data received or generated by Settling Defendants.

The Fibers Site Group received groundwater laboratory analytical data from the second semi-annual groundwater monitoring event of 2015. The validated laboratory analytical data will be submitted with the second semi-annual groundwater monitoring and sampling report for 2015.

(c) List of all work plans, plans and other deliverables completed and submitted.

The first semi-annual groundwater monitoring and sampling report for 2015 was completed and submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on August 5, 2015.

(d) Description of all actions, including, but not limited to, data collection and implementation of work plans, which are scheduled for the next six weeks.

The second semi-annual groundwater monitoring and sampling event of 2015 commenced on August 3, 2015 and should be completed by the end of September 2015.

New treatment system control panels are anticipated to be programmed in September 2015. ARCADIS will begin the initial shakedown and testing of the GWETS September 14th through September 25th. The GWETS is anticipated to return to service on September 30, 2015 and begin discharging water to the Phillips Ditch.

Baxter International, Inc. (Baxter) has contracted with Environmental Resource Technologies (ERTEC) to begin a second phase of subsurface soil investigation at the Baxter-Guayama facility on the Fibers Site in September 2015. The Fibers Site Group will include the finalized locations for Baxter's second phase of soil borings in the next monthly report.

(e) Information regarding the percentage completion, unresolved delays encountered or anticipated.

Based on the revised construction schedule submitted to USEPA on July 24, 2015, the Fibers Site Group estimates the treatment system at 90% complete. No delays are currently anticipated and the Fibers Site Group remains scheduled to restart the new GWETS at the end of September 2015.

(f) List of any modification to work plans or other schedules the Settling Defendants have proposed.

None.

(g) Description of activities undertaken in support of the Community Relations Plan.

No support activities have been requested for the next planning period.

(h) Actions undertaken to address outside parties concerns.

No concerns from outside parties were encountered during this reporting period.